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BOEING 737 MAX CAN FLY AGAIN AS U.S. REGULATOR ENDS BAN

The US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) had put in place grounding orders in March 2019 after two deadly crashes

CHANGES IN DESIGN, SOFTWARE AND WIRING

However, the clearance does not mean the plane can take to the skies immediately. Existing aircraft will need to be modified before going back into service, with changes to their design. Alongside the software and wiring changes, pilots will also need training. The FAA said the design changes will "eliminate what caused the accidents"

AIRCRAFT WILL BE 100% SAFE, SAYS FAA

- A probe into the crashes found that a safety feature which was meant to stop the plane from climbing too fast and stalling had improperly forced the nose of the plane down
- FAA administrator Steve Dickson said he is "100% confident" in the safety of the plane and that such crashes won't recur

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PEOPLE WERE KILLED IN TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS INVOLVING BOEING 737 MAX

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95% EFFICACY IN FINAL PFIZER SHOT TRIAL

Its candidate is also 94% effective in people over 65 years of age

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

THE Corona vaccine world just got another shot of excitement as US-based pharma major Pfizer on Wednesday raised its candidate's efficacy to 95%, up from 90% a week ago, as final results of its phase 3 trials across six countries came in. The other big takeaway was the vaccine's 94% effectiveness in adults over 65 years, who are among the most vulnerable to the virus.

Just a couple of days ago, its competitor Moderna had claimed 94.5% efficacy in its initial phase 3 results. Both biotech firms intend to seek emergency regulatory approval within days.

The BNT162b2, the vaccine candidate Pfizer developed along with German partner BioNTech, was reported to be consistent in performance across age and ethnicity demographics without major side effects.

A review of the reactogenicity data, which consisted of at least 8,000 participants in the phase 2/3 study, showed that the vaccine was well tolerated, with most adverse events resolving shortly after vaccination, the statement added.

The adverse effects included headaches and fatigue in about 2% of the volunteers.

In all, the vaccine candidate was trialled on over 41,000 volunteers in the US, Germany, Turkey, South Africa, Brazil and Argentina.

Global markets reacted positively, though Pfizer-BioNTech is yet to release detailed data on the study. Also, its results are yet to be analysed by independent experts.

The troubling part of maintaining Pfizer's vaccine at -70°C to -80°C continues, but the company said it was confident of using the cold-chain infrastructure to distribute the vaccine around the world. Pfizer-BioNTech aim to produce up to 50 million vaccine doses in 2020 and 1.3 billion by 2021-end.

In all, 170 confirmed cases of Covid-19 were evaluated from the 28th day after the first shot of BNT162b2. Of them, 162 were in the placebo category while only eight were in the vaccinated group. Ten individuals went on to develop severe disease, nine of whom were in the non-vaccinated group.

NOTHING MUCH IN IT FOR INDIA

The vaccines of Pfizer and Moderna may have little implications for India, as storage and distribution could be a major constraint. In any case, most of the doses to be manufactured till next year by them have been booked by rich nations

DECEMBER 7-15

State govt may push key bills in winter session

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@ Bengaluru

THE winter session of the state legislature will be held between December 7 and 15 in Bengaluru, and not in Belagavi as was the practice.

Last year too, the winter session was held in Bengaluru due to the devastating floods in Belagavi and other parts in North Karnataka.

Speaking to mediapersons after the cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said the government is likely to reintroduce many pending Bills which could not be passed in the monsoon session held in September. That session was curtailed due to the prevailing Covid-19 crisis.

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B'LURU TECH SUMMIT OPENS TODAY

The 23rd edition will be inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi on Thursday. Australian PM Scott Morrison will also attend the inaugural event | P13

Vijayanagar to be K'taka's 31st district, BSY cabinet gives in-principle nod

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE world heritage site of Hampi, the erstwhile capital of Vijayanagar empire, will soon be part of a new district. The State Cabinet meeting, chaired by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa, on Wednesday gave in-principle approval for creation of the Vijayanagar district, which will be carved out of Ballari district, to become the 31st district in the state.

Speaking to reporters after the meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J C Madhuswamy said details about the number of taluks that will be part of the new district will be decided in the next cabinet meeting.

Ballari district in-charge minister Anand Singh, who was among those demanding for the new district, said it has been a long-standing demand of people of western taluks in the district. They have been demanding for a separate district to ensure further development of Hampi, the erstwhile capital of Vijayanagar empire. "It's a historical decision," he declared.

Anand Singh, and Social Welfare Department Minister B Sriramulu, who is also from Ballari district, said they had consulted all leaders from the district before taking the decision. P7

MP to be first grazing pasture for cow cabinet

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@ Bhopal

A day after announcing the introduction of a Bill against 'love jihad' in the next session of the Vidhan Sabha, the Bharatiya Janata Party government in Madhya Pradesh on Wednesday decided to set up perhaps the country's first 'cow cabinet' for the protection and promotion of cows.

Announcing the decision, Chief Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** tweeted, "It has been decided to constitute a Gau Cabinet (cow cabinet) for cattle conservation and promotion. It will comprise animal husbandry, farmers' welfare, forest, panchayat-rural development, Home and Revenue Departments. The first meeting of the cow cabinet will be held at the cow sanctuary in Agar-Malwa district on Gopashthami festival on November 22." P10

HC allows hosp for Varavara Rao

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@ Mumbai

THE Bombay High Court on Wednesday ordered the Maharashtra government to admit jailed octogenarian poet and activist Varavara Rao for treatment at the private super-speciality Nanavati hospital here at state expense.

Rao was arrested in August 2018 in connection with an Elgar Parishad conclave in Pune in December 2017 that turned violent, and is lodged at Taloja Jail. P9

Rural Drinking Water and Sanitation Department
Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department

Hon'ble Minister for Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Shri K.S. Eshwarappa flagging off Swachha Vahini (waste collection vehicle).

November 19 "World Toilet Day"

Swacchotsava Nityotsava

Moving towards Sustainable Sanitation

Shri B. S. Yediyurappa
Hon'ble Chief Minister, Govt. of Karnataka

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Toilets

Individual Household Toilets
- Toilets built for 49 lakh families in rural Karnataka
- Building 1 lakh additional toilets.

Community / Public Toilet
- 1160 Community / Public Toilets built so far, aiming to build another 1000 units.

Solid Waste Management
- Solid Waste Management for all 6002 Gram Panchayats in the State is initiated.
- 2370 Detailed Project Reports with estimated cost of Rs. 302.45 crore sanctioned, Rs. 183.82 crore released.

Material Recovery Facility
- Building 100 Material Recovery Facilities initiated to provide solid waste disposal and marketing facilities and preliminary processes put in place for implementing pilot plants in 4 districts.

Liquid Waste Management
- Rs. 1173 crores were approved and Rs. 205 crores released under the Swachh Bharat Mission (G) to implement the Liquid Waste Management units in 4464 Gram Panchayats.

Fecal Sludge Management
- Aim to build 100 Fecal Sludge Management plants. Approval for implementation of pilot units at 16 locations.

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To protect and improve the natural environment including forests, lakes, rivers and wild life and to have compassion for living creatures is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.